

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-49 (canceled).

Claim 50 (currently amended): A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted, comprising:

a stand member having a plurality of vertical side walls for mounting said optical reader in such a manner that said grip of said optical reader extends laterally in a first gap formed between two of said vertical sidewalls beyond a lateral side of said stand member and said read window faces in a lateral direction.

Claim 51 (previously amended): A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted,

comprising:

a stand member on which said optical reader is mounted in such a manner that said grip of said optical reader extends laterally beyond a lateral side of said stand member;

a holder section in which said grip is mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely;
and

a base for supporting said holder section so that said holder section can pivot,
said stand member having a tongue, which is inserted into said holder section so that said tongue can be removed freely, on a bottom thereof.

Claim 52 (original): A stand according to claim 50, wherein when said optical reader is mounted in said stand member, said optical reader is held at an angle at which at least one scanning pattern, which is composed of a group of scanning rays, of scanning patterns created by scanning rays emitted through said read window of said optical reader, becomes horizontal.

Claims 53-55 (canceled) .

Claim 56 (previously amended): An optical unit, comprising:

an optical part having first and second stems formed coaxially on opposite edges thereof
and a third stem formed in parallel with said second stem on one of the edges thereof; and

a frame on which said optical part is mounted, and which includes a first bearing having a slit shape into which said first stem is fitted, a second bearing into which said second stem is

fitted, and a third elongated bearing into which said third stem is fitted and which forms an arc with said second bearing as a center.

Claim 57 (canceled).

Claim 58 (previously presented): A stand according to claim 50, wherein said stand member further has a second gap formed between two of said vertical sidewalls in such a manner that said grip of said optical reader extends laterally therein, and said second gap is formed at a facing side of the first gap.

Claim 59 (previously presented): A stand according to claim 50, wherein said stand member further has a second gap through which substantially an entire surface of said read window can be seen.

Claim 60 (currently amended): A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted, comprising:

a stand member on which said optical reader is mounted in such a manner that said grip of said optical reader extends laterally beyond a lateral side of said stand member;

a holder section in which said grip is mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely;
and
a base for supporting said holder ~~second~~ section,
said stand member having a tongue, which is inserted into said holder second so that said
tongue can be removed freely, on a bottom thereof.